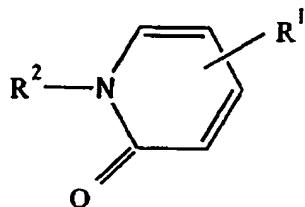


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical liquid composition comprising ~~as an active ingredient~~ a pyridone derivative represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R¹ is an alkyl group optionally having a substituent selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₆ lower alkyl group optionally substituted at any of the 3-, 4- or 5-position with a halogen atom, a carboxyl group, an alkoxy carbonyl group, and an amino group and R² is a phenyl group optionally having a substituent selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₆ lower alkyl group, a halogen atom, a carboxyl group, an alkoxy carbonyl group or an amino group, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a solvent capable of dissolving said pyridone derivative~~active ingredient~~ in a high concentration of about 10% to about 25% by weight.

2. (original): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to Claim 1, ~~comprising as the active ingredient~~ wherein the pyridone derivative is a 5-methyl-1-phenyl-2-(1H)-pyridone (Pirfenidone) wherein R¹ is a methyl group at the 5-position and R² is a phenyl group in the formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to Claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein the solvent is a diethylene glycol monoethyl ether.

4. (original): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to Claim 3, wherein the diethylene glycol monoethyl ether has a purity of 99% or higher.

5. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1-~~to~~4, further comprising a concentrating agent.

6. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1-~~to~~5, further containing an antioxidant.

7. (original): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to Claim 6, wherein the antioxidant is an α -tocopherol.

8. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1-~~to~~7, ~~which is suitable to be administered in the form of an~~ orally, percutaneously, nasally or ~~vaginally preparation or as~~ in the form of a spray, patch, inhalant, injection or intravenous drip.

9. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1-~~to~~8, having the following components:

<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>% by weight</u>
Pirfenidone	1-25

Diethylene glycol
monoethyl ether 70-80
Ethanol (95%) 0-10
Polyvinyl pyrrolidone or
hydroxypropyl cellulose 0-3
Sodium metabisulfite 0.02-2
Methyl or propyl
paraben 0-0.5
Purified water 0-25 .

10. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to any one of Claims 1-to-8, having the following components:

Ingredients % by weight
Pirfenidone 10-25
Diethylene glycol
monoethyl ether 75-80
Purified water 0-10 .

11. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical liquid composition according to any one of Claims 1-to-8, having the following components:

Ingredients % by weight
Pirfenidone 10-25

Diethylene glycol
monoethyl ether 75-80
α-Tocopherol 0.1-0.5
Hydroxypropyl cellulose 0-3
Purified water 0-10